

Item for the Daily Log - 2 February 1953

Mr. Dulles informed Mr. Becker, Mr. Houston and myself that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in connection with the confirmation of General Smith to be Under Secretary of State, was requesting the documents which had been placed in the record by Mr. Wisner and myself. I suggested that, as a matter of security, it would be preferable to have the documents screened by a subcommittee rather than by the full Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Becker, Mr. Houston and I then called on Mr. Sourwine, Counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee, who stated that the Committee felt it could release the testimony in this case but was not in a position to release any of the documents which originated with CIA. Someone stated that he had already suggested to Senator Wiley, Foreign Relations Committee Chairman, that a subcommittee be appointed, and Senator Wiley had acquiesced with the addition of a staff member. It was noted that Mr. Sourwine took every possible precaution to protect our security. We then called upon Senator Wiley, who indicated his complete support for General Smith but also stated that there had been rumors regarding [] matter which it would be necessary to allay. Senator Wiley agreed to appoint a three-man subcommittee and asked for our suggestions. I recommended Senators Ferguson, Knowland and Fulbright, and the Senator asked for our approval for Hickenlooper, which we gave. We also urged that he not include any member of the staff for security reasons. It is our understanding that the subcommittee will review General Smith's testimony to the McCarran group and the documents which Wisner and I put into the record, and we assured both Sourwine and Wiley that under proper security safeguards, we had no objections.

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